that the distribution sector had been badly hit due to the advent of TV and video and the Council sought representation of the distribution sector in the Inter-Departmental Committee constituted by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on 14.2.89 with a view to studying the problems of film industry and making suitable recommendations to the Central|State Governments for resolution of these problems. The demand made by the Council was examined in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. It has been decided that the representatives of distribution sector could be invited when i ssues relevant to distribution are discussed by the Committee.

Problems due to provisions of Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act

1229. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the thinking of Government about the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act in view of the experience gained since the passing of the Act;

(b) whether less privileged persons have been deprived of houses because of harass provision of the Act; and

(c) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take to tide over this grave problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Several proposals for amendment to the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act 1976 are under consideration of the Government for making the implementation of the Act more effective and workable.

(b) and (c) Nothing to this effect has come to the notice of the Government.

Clearance of project proposals for manufacture of Aluminium

1230. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project proposals have been cleared for manufacture of aluminium; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof including capacity foreign collaboration promoter, capital cost etc., if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of sugar

1231. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is expected to be self-sufficient in sugar production during this financial year and whether it is likely to be surplus;

(b) if so, whether some sugar is likely to be exported; and

(c) the quantity likely to be exported alongwith the names of the countries to whom sugar is to be exported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (e) Sugar being an agro based industry, its production depends on agro climatic factors i.e. drought conditons, excess rains etc. in the country. On the other hand, there has been steady growth in consumption. The production during the

current sugar season 1988-89 (October '88-September, '89) is estimated to be about 87.0 lakh tonnes as against the production of 91.10 lakh tonnes and the consumption of 93.33 lakh tonnes, during the previous season. In view of this, export of sugar has been restricted to preferential Quota (USA 8424 tonnes, EEC 10,000 tonnes) and export of 15,000 tonnes to Nepal. Further export of sugar, if any, would depend upon availability of sugar after meeting internal requirements.

Legislation to streamline local bodies

1232. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce legislation to streamline the working of local bodies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is expected to be brought forward?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is actively considering such a legislation and the details are being worked out.

Central assistance to protect Dibrugarh from soil erosion

1233. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether any amount has been provided by the Central Government towards protection measures to save Dibrugarh town of Assam from soil erosion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): No Central assistance is being provided to State Government of Assam under the Central Soil Conservation Sector for protection measures to save Dibrugarh town from Soil erosion.

Desert development programme in Madhya Pradesh

1234. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

SHRI CHANDAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain areas of Madhya Pradesh especially those adjacent to Rajasthan are turning into deserts;

(b) whether any amount has been allocated and utilised under the Desert Development Programme in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir. Several studies and investigations taken up by the Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) have revealed that desert is not expanding.

(b) and (c) No area of Madhya Pradesh is covered under Desert Development Programme. But DPAP is being implmented in 40780 Sq. Kms. areas of Madhya Pradesh.

The following are details of amount allowances and uttlised during the last three years.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Expenditure
1986-87	735.00	723.67
1987-88	735.00	691.71
1988-89	809.00	726.98